

CREATION OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL IN HARNEY NATIONAL FOREST

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Mr. LEAVITT, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11726]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred H. R. 11726, to authorize the creation of a national memorial in the Harney National Forest, having considered the same, report it to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out the period at the end of line 12, insert a comma, and add the following: "and that the Secretary of Agriculture finds that the location of the site will not interfere with the administration of the Harney National Forest."

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the Mount Harney Memorial Association to carve a memorial in heroic figures commemorative of our national history and progress upon a suitable exposure of the Harney Mountain Range. The bill was submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture for his views thereon, and the Secretary's report to the chairman of this committee, dated February 4, 1925, recommending the passage of the legislation, is herein set out in full for the information of the House, as follows: •

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 4, 1925.

HON. N. J. SINNOTT,
*Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SINNOTT: I have your letter of January 28 requesting a report upon the bill (H. R. 11726), to authorize the creation of a national memorial in the Harney National Forest.

The enactment of this measure would authorize the Mount Harney Memorial Association, hereafter to be created by the Legislature of South Dakota, to carve a memorial in heroic figures, commemorative of our national history and progress, upon a suitable exposure of the Harney Mountain Range located within the

boundaries of the Harney National Forest, S. Dak. The association would select the name, location, and design of such memorial. It is also provided that the United States shall be put to no expense under this measure.

The department has not been informed through its field officers of the plan proposed in this legislation. It is unaware therefore of the location which the proponents of the measure desire to select for the memorial. It is not known whether this project would interfere in any way with the administration of the Harney National Forest. No doubt a site can be selected which would be mutually agreeable to the memorialists and to the Government.

In the absence of more specific knowledge of the location of this site, it is suggested that the following change be made at the end of the bill: Strike out the period and substitute therefor a comma and the following: "and that the Secretary of Agriculture finds that the location of the site will not interfere with the administration of the Harney National Forest."

As thus amended the department would recommend that the bill receive favorable consideration by your committee.

Sincerely yours,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

